THE HISTORY OF LONE DEER

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THE HISTORY OF OUR SCHOOL

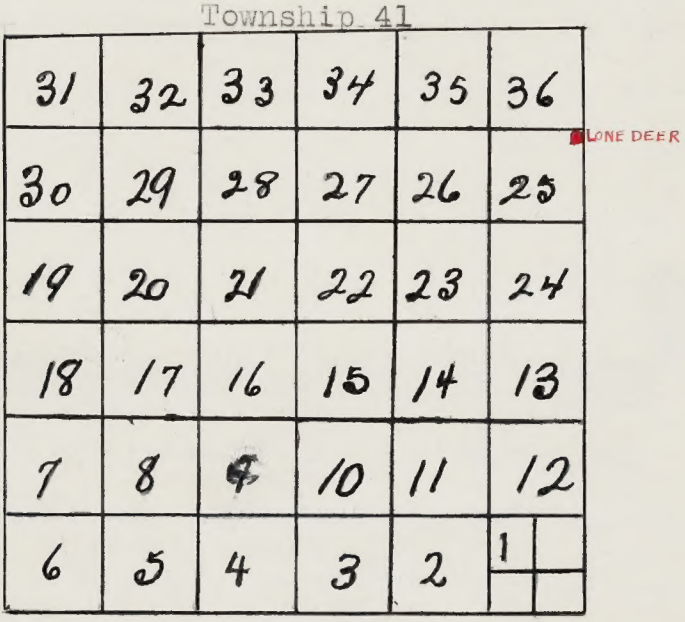
Building Our School

For the past ten years settlers have been coming into the district. The closest schools were Aurora and Washington Heights. They were too far away for most of the children to go to. Some of the children were ten years old and had no chance to go to school.

About 1934 people began to work to get a school. They decided that if they all worked at it they would get one. In May of 1934 the people of the district began to get out logs from the school section. Then they had to be dried. People of the district then joined in and helped to build it. Mr. Johnston was the chief carpenter.

LOCATION OF OUR SCHOOL

Township 41



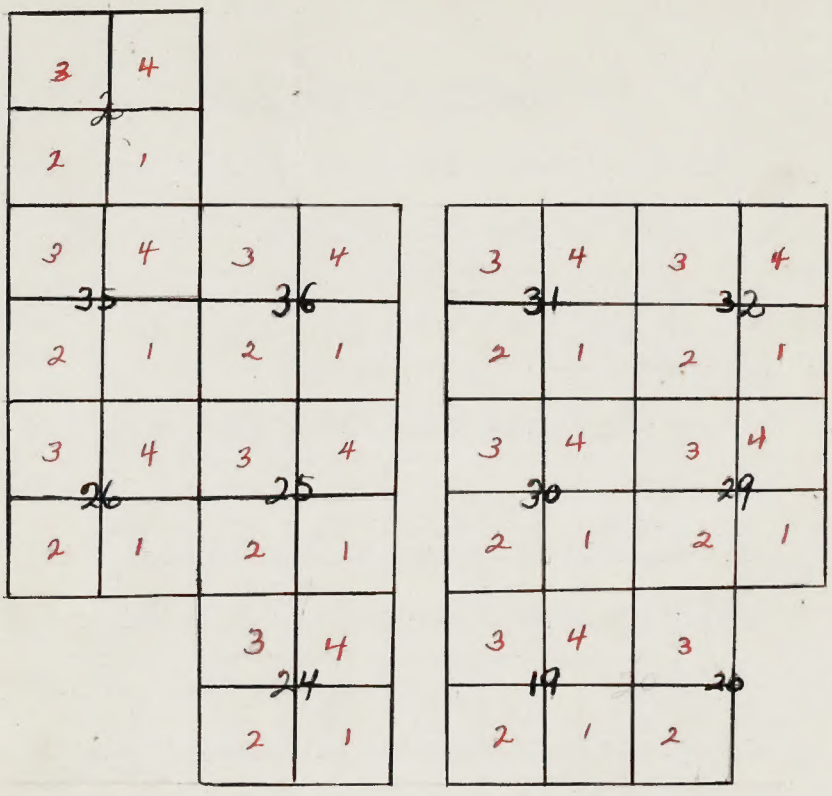
The school's location is: N.E. corner of section 25, township 41, range 6.

It stands on the north east corner of Mr. Whitford's farm. It is prettily situated on a hillside sloping to the south with a flat just below it. It has beautiful scenery around it. To the north there are many kinds of poplar. To the east and south there are poplar, birch, and spruce. The west is mostly poplar and pine. We don't get the north wind in the winter. In summer it is a paradise for birds and boys.

HOW IT GOT ITS NAME

The trustees asked the people for suitable names for the school. Since it is surrounded by bush they thought of calling it Pine Hill.

One day Mr. Daffurn was riding by the site of the school when he saw a lone deer on the hill. Every-one agreed that it is a good name. The registered it with the Department of Education and that is how our school got its name. Many visitors have said what a pretty name for a school.



A MAP OF LONE DEER S.D.

Township 42 Range 6
Sec. 2 1.Government
2.Government
3.H.La Mar
4.Government

Township 41 Range 6
Sec. 35 1.H.Bignold
2.F.Bignold
3.F.Bignold
4.Government
Sec. 36 All Gov't.
Sec. 26 4.Murphy
Sec. 25 1.Government
2.J.Davies
3.J. Davies
4.F. Whitford
Sec. 24 3. L.Mason

Township 42 Range 5
Sec. 20 Q2.E.Jenson
3.E.Hatchel
Sec. 19 Q1.T.Daffurn
2.T.Daffurn
3.T.Daffurn
4.Government
Sec. 30 Q1.Government
2.Government
3.C.Gray
4.R.Pendergast
Section 29 School Sec.
Sec. 31 Q1.Pendergast
2.Beckett
3.Beckett
4.T.Hopp
Sec..32 Q1.Robinson
2.Government
3.J.Reidlinger
4.Herringer

OPENING OF SCHOOL

The Equipment

When the school opened we had the following equipment:

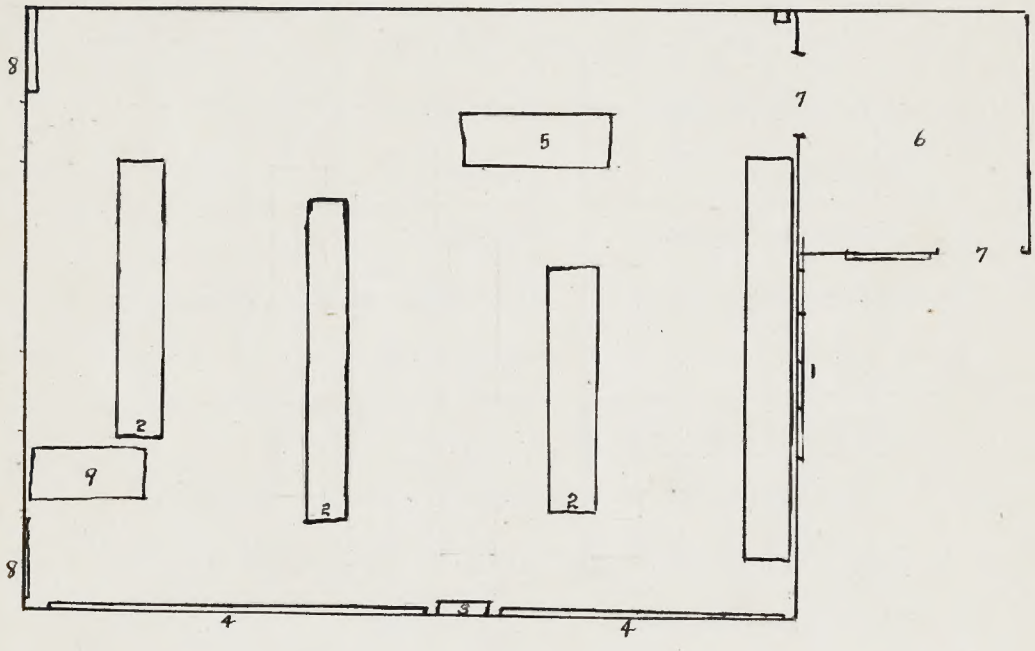
1 globe	2 pails
2 blackboards	3 maps
1 teachers table	1 stove and pipes
1 chair	supplies

Teacher and Pupils

The teacher Mr. Wadson, opened school Sept. 1, 1938. The pupils who came the first day were the following: Frances Beckett, Paul Beckett, Dora Robinson, Gordon Robinson, Joe Reidlinger, Mike Daffurn, Oleg Jenson, Irene McKee, Jack Bignold, Alex Bignold, Betty Bignold, Robert Bignold, William Bignold, Violet Bignold.

The First Trustees were: Mr. Sam Pendergast, Mr. Herb Bignold, and Mrs. Beckett.

PLAN OF LONE DEER



1. Windows ----
2. Desks
3. Chimney Cupboard
4. Blackboards.
5. Stove
6. Cloak Room
7. Doors
8. Cupboards
9. Table

MY FIRST DAY AT LONE DEER

Adolph Reidlinger

On the first morning of school the Robinsons and we, the Reidlingers went together. We were there first except the teacher, Mr. Wadson.

When we got there the teacher gave us the soft ball. When we went to try to find a place to play we found nothing but sticks. The girls played see-saw with the boards left over from the building of the school.

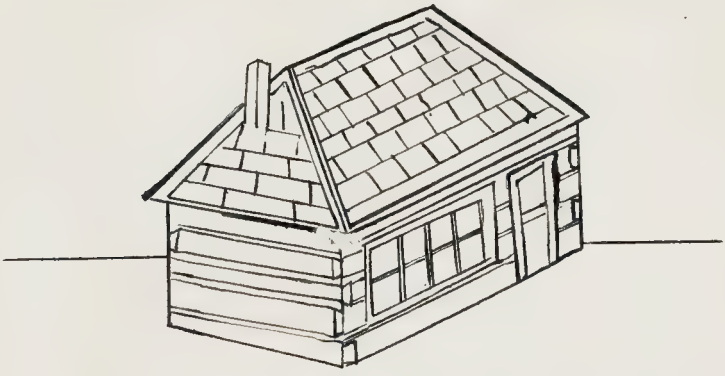
The bell rang and we went inside. There were not enough desks so Mr. Wadson put planks from one desk to another.

The big boys helped finish some of the building.

At noon we sat in the shade and talked while we ate our lunch. At recess we explored the woods about the school.

I enjoyed the first day of school at Lone Deer.

The First Year of School 1938-39



In the year of 1938-39 the school trustees put on a bee to clear the brush off the grounds to make a suitable ball diamond. Also in the first year the teacher Mr. Madson taught night school to four pupils, Neil Beckett, Joe Robinson, Gordon Coulman and Rose Marshing.

When school first started the school was not plastered. But at the end of the year it was pretty well lined.

THE SECOND YEAR AT SCHOOL 1939-40

On the second year at school there were not many big happenings. But there were a few funny things that happened such as when one of the girls, Betty Bi mold saw a mouse behind the water pail. As soon as she saw it she screamed aloud. The teacher who was still Mr. Wasson asked her what it was, she said "it had great big eyes and of course as the pupils all laughed.

Another time when Mr. Wasson was explaining a class a 'Bumble Bee' crawled in his pant leg and tickled his leg. Then he blushed and said, "its a Bumble Bee".

THE FOURTH YEAR AT SCHOOL 1941-42

In this year we had three teachers. The first of the year we had Mr. Mostus for a teacher. He was a very good teacher, and he was good at telling stories. Talk about playing ball, he surely could.

Then after Christmas Mrs. Watson was our teacher and she was very good, surely full of fun. We did some good work and some paintings on glass.

Last of all came Miss Snyder, very nice, very happy and very good. We didn't have a very good ball team, but we had a fine time. We put in little flower gardens beside the road so the people who went by would have pleasure in looking at the school grounds. Also in it we put around the school grounds.

[illegible] School 1940-41

In the [illegible] year of school [illegible]. Lincoln burned. That year there was a terrible fire which swept right by the school. [illegible] saw the fire coming too near [illegible] to move [illegible] so had to [illegible]. It nearly took the wood pile, too. [illegible] children of the school [illegible] help fight the fire. After the fire was put out [illegible] refreshments.

The class of 1941 and 42.

THE FIFTH YEAR AT SCHOOL 1942-43

In the fifth year of school we had the coldest winter for many years. The thermometer went down to fifty degrees below.

Our water froze in and battery for the radio burst.

This winter, too, we had the inside of the school plastered. We also had the second floor laid. We got a big pole and rope and pulley for it.

Gladys Mae is taking violin lessons and Elsie Mopp organ lessons.

The grade ones have a store called Happy Corner Store. So when you get out of flour you know where to come.

SERVING
KING AND COUNTRY

Jack Bignold

Paul Beckett

PRESENT HISTORY OF THE FIRST STUDENTS

Frances Beckett is taking grade ten in Three Hills. Dora Robinson is working in Leadale store. Gordon Robinson is out working. Joe Reidlinger is working on a farm east of Rimbey. Mike Baffam has worked in a lumber mill. Oley Jenson is working in a mill. Alex and Dolly Bignoll are running their Mother's farm. Tommy has worked in a mill all winter. Bobby Bignold cooked at a saw mill all winter. Phyllis [illegible] worker at Sylvan Lake since she left school [illegible] Vendergast worked in the saw mill part of the winter. Rose Erskine is continuing her High School Studies by correspondence. Paul Beckett has joined up with the Canadian Air Force. Jack Bignold is in training with the Canadian Army.

THE FIRST TWINS

Our first twins in the school were Godleib and Godfred Hopp. Gouleib means God's Love and Goufred means God's peace. This year, 1942, they are in grade one.

A PICNIC AT LONE DEER

Elsie Hopp

The picnic at Lone Deer is a very enjoyable day because there are many visitors and other ball teams. The trustees have a meeting before the picnic to discuss the preparation of the picnic. In the discussion they plan how they can raise money to have a booth and what prizes to give to the winners at the picnic.

The first thing we do at a picnic, is that we have races. We have straight races, three legged races, relay races and high and broad jumping. After the races we play ball with the other teams that come.

After the game is over we have lunch and after there is another game of ball of a pick up team. After that game the people all go home to do their chores happier than when they came.

THE AMBITION OF THE PRESENT CLASS

The children at Lone Deer are working to fufill their ambitions for the future. Irene and Elsie are studying hard, for they are determinedto be the best teachers in Alberta. Violets ambition is to word in a munition factory. Adolph watches the birds soaring high in the air and longs for the day when he toowill be soaring high as the pilot of an airplane. Bill, Arthur and Bob are going to be successful farmers running tractors, combines and trucks. Listen to station L. D. for a yodelling cowboy, for Edward plans to ride the ranges. Already Gladys shows signs of being a good teacher, for her favorite pastime is p;aying school. The Hopp twins and Raymond want to be farmers because they like horses and cattle.

We hope that each will be successful in his life work.

AFTER SCHOOL

When all my lessons have been learned,
And the last year at school is done,
I shall put up my books and games;
" Good-bye, my fellows, every one! "

The dusty road will not seem long,
Nor twilight lonely, nor forlorn
The everlasting whippoorwills
That lead me back where I was born.

And there beside the open door,
In a large country dim and cool,
Her waiting smile shall hear at last,
" Mother, I am come home from school."

BLISS CARMAN.